

McKinney Family Foundation Legacy Prize Art Award

Design Competition

Application

Overview

The McKinney Family Foundation and the Indy Art Center invite current and former Indy Art Center students and faculty to submit proposals for the design and fabrication of the commemorative award that will be presented to the recipient of the Legacy Prize.

(mckinneyfamilyfoundation.org/legacyprize)

The Legacy Prize recognizes collaborative efforts that strengthen rural Indiana communities through sustainability, innovation, stewardship, and community partnership. The selected artist will create a one-of-a-kind award that reflects the values and vision of this landmark initiative.

The selected artist will receive a **\$10,000 Artist Award**, plus reimbursement for approved fabrication materials.

Eligibility

Applicants must:

- Be a current or former student of the Indy Art Center, or
- Be a current or former faculty member of the Indy Art Center
- Be a resident of Indiana

Competition Timeline

Application Deadline: June 26, 2026

McKinney Family Foundation Board Review: July 3, 2026

Artist Selection Notification: July 2026

Award Completion Date: To be determined in coordination with the Foundation

Award Presentation: November 11, 2026, at Newfields

Applicant Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please check all that apply:

- Current Indy Art Center Student
- Former Indy Art Center Student
- Current Indy Art Center Faculty Member
- Former Indy Art Center Faculty Member
- Indiana Resident

Award Design Proposal

Proposed Award Title

Proposed Materials

Please list the primary materials that will be used in the fabrication of the award.

Materials Budget

The selected artist will receive a \$10,000 Artist Award. Materials are reimbursed separately from the award amount.

Material	Estimated Cost

Total Estimated Materials Cost: \$_____

Fabrication Timeline

Please provide an estimated timeline for fabrication and completion of the award. (may attach a separate document if needed)

Relevant Work Samples

Please submit three (3) images of previous artwork that demonstrate your ability to execute the proposed design and work with similar materials, techniques, or concepts.

Work Sample 1

Title: _____

Year: _____

Materials: _____

Dimensions: _____

Work Sample 2

Title: _____

Year: _____

Materials: _____

Dimensions: _____

Evaluation Criteria

Submissions will be evaluated based on:

- Artistic excellence
- Creativity and originality
- Connection to the values and mission of the Legacy Prize
- Integration of sustainability into the design and materials
- Feasibility of fabrication
- Quality and durability of proposed materials
- Demonstrated ability to successfully execute the proposed design
- Overall presentation and craftsmanship

Submission Requirements

Applicants must submit a **single PDF packet** containing the following materials in the order listed below:

- Completed Application Form
- Artist Statement
- Design Concept Statement
- Concept Sketches, Renderings, or Design Drawings
- Sustainability & Materials Statement
- Itemized Materials Budget
- Fabrication Timeline
- Three (3) Images of Relevant Previous Artwork
- Work Sample Information
- Additional Supporting Materials (Optional)

*Applications must be submitted as **one PDF document**. Incomplete applications or applications submitted in multiple files may not be considered. **Applications should be emailed to Michelle O’Hollaren, mohollaren@indyartcenter.org by June 26, 2026.**

Certification

I certify that the submitted design is my original work and that I have the ability to fabricate the proposed award if selected.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Submission Deadline: June 26, 2026

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About the Foundation

The McKinney Family Foundation (MFF) is a multi-generation family foundation established in 2007 by Robert H. and Arlene A. McKinney and their five children – Robert C. McKinney, Marni McKinney Waterfield, Kevin K. McKinney, Kent A. McKinney, and Lisa C. McKinney. The Foundation’s mission is built on two primary pillars: Environmental Sustainability and Inclusive Democracy. MFF strives to empower Indiana leaders and communities by strengthening the field of environmentally engaged students, professionals, civic leaders and philanthropists. Through strategic partnerships, MFF advocates for clean air, safe water, and environmentally resilient communities while seeking to empower Indiana communities to live in a healthier, more prosperous, and more sustainable manner. Learn more at the MFF website. (mckinneyfamilyfoundation.org/)